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Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" May I know why so much emolument was paid hitherto to officers who are already getting very high salaries ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " There were not very many motor vehicles and these District officers were asked to look after the duties of bus inspectors. But now that policy has been changed definitely."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI .—" May I know what are the qualifications of these bus inspectors ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— Engineering qualifications."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" What degree ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" No degree. If the hon. Member wants to have a detailed reply, I should like to have notice."

Motor inspectors in the Presidency.

* 1279 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of full-timed salaried inspectors of motor vehicles in each of the districts of the Presidency at present ;

(b) what are the qualifications and grade of salary of each one of them ;

(c) how many of these motor inspectors are Anglo-Indians and Europeans and how many are Muslims and Non-Brahmans ; and

(d) what are the respective salaries of Anglo-Indian or European inspectors and Indian inspectors and what are the reasons for the difference, if any ?

A.—(a) One in each of the following districts :—

Malabar, Tinnevelly, Coimbatore, South Kanara, Salem, North Arcot, Tanjore, the Nilgiris, Nellore, Ganjam, West Godavari, Chittoor and Madura cum Ramnad.

(b), (c) & (d) The information [a] is laid on the table. The salary of the inspector varies with the district and has no relation to the community to which he belongs.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" May I know why a person with no qualification is appointed in the Nilgiris district ? Is it because that no one else with the necessary qualification is available ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Because he has got the practical qualification and was recommended by the Public Works Department."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" You do not want qualifications at all except some service somewhere ? "

[a] Printed as Appendix VII on page 646 infra.

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Practical knowledge is enough."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA:—"May I know whether birth is a qualification for these appointments?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"No, Sir."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"May I ask, even when there are a number of applicants, with the necessary qualifications, he would appoint only people who come with some recommendation and even that without the necessary qualification?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"When Government lays down rules for appointments in future, I think there will be no room for complaint."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"When are they going to lay down rules?"

The hon. Kahan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I must ask for notice."

Mr K. V. R. SWAMI:—"May I know why so many Europeans and Anglo-Indians have been appointed to these posts when the accepted policy of the Government is to Indianize the services?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"We have not appointed many Europeans. They were appointed in some places where applicants belonging to other communities were not available at the time of the appointment."

Appointment of motor inspectors in Ganjam district.

* 1280 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether applications were invited for the seven recent appointments of motor inspectors;

(b) whether it is a fact that no applications were invited by advertisement in newspapers or in the *Fort St. George Gazette* for the appointment of motor inspectors in the Ganjam district; and if so, why; and

(c) what are the qualifications of the newly appointed motor inspector for Ganjam?

A.—(a) Yes, in cases where suitable candidates were not available locally.

(b) Yes; because a suitable candidate was found available locally.

(c) The newly appointed Inspector of Motor Vehicles for the Ganjam district has a thorough knowledge of motor engineering. He worked for three years in motor works at Karachi and has in all about seven years' experience in motors.